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HARRISBURG.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

Senate Session This Evening—The Local Option Programme—Calendar for To-morrow—New State Normal School—Chambersburg Relief Bill—State Historical Society Want Funds to Prepare for the Centennial.

Special Dispatch to Pittsburgh Press.

HARRISBURG, February 23, 1873.

The Senate will meet to-morrow (Monday) evening, and is far ahead of the House in the business of the session.

The Local Option Struggle.

On Wednesday, when original resolutions will be in order, Mr. Mahon, of Franklin, will move to proceed to the consideration of the Senate Local Option supplement, and amend it by shortening the notice for the election from three weeks to ten days. He will then move for a special session on Wednesday night, for which a majority only is necessary. Then he will endeavor to pass the bill to third reading, and move for a special session on Friday evening, when the final struggle may take place. If the temperance men desire to be on hand for effective work, they must come here on Tuesday evening and be ready for the opening of Wednesday morning's session.

The Senate Calendar

is made up for Tuesday. Senator Graham's list contains the following. The figures are the Senate numbers:

385. Streets in Allegheny City.
466. Collection of License.
443. Borough of Millvale and borrow money.
341. Water Bonds in Allegheny City.
437. Inspectors of Steam Engines.
367. Sheriffs' Sales.
361. Elections in Tarentum.
227. Enterprise Iron Company.
405. Regulating Election of School Directors.
376. Arsenal bank.
371. Wylie Avenue bank.
464. Regulating Omnibuses in Pittsburgh.
448. Election of City Clerk.
556. Laying out Streets in Millvale.
525. Birmingham Passenger Railway.

Senator Playford's list:

490. To repeal the 7th section of an act relating to School and Election districts in Fayette county.
400. Act incorporating Justiom Creek and Ligonier Railroad.

The New State Normal School.

The Committee on Education on Saturday visited the new State Normal School in the Cumberland valley. It was turned over to the State, and received by the commissioners. Remarks were made by Mr. Lawson, of Clarion, and others.

The Chambersburg Roller Bill

has been prepared, and will be introduced in the House this week by one of the members from that district. The bill will ask that the State pay the interest on the adjudicated claims until the general government assumes the whole amount. It is impossible to tell the feeling here on the bill, as it has not been discussed in this session at all.

The Pennsylvania Historical Society

will ask an amendment to the Centennial bill giving them ten thousand dollars of the $500,000 donation, to put in durable shape the records of that society and perpetuate the ceremonies and observances of this celebration.

Special Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

HARRISBURG, February 21, 1873.

The Senate had a session to-day, but did nothing very noticeable. About forty bills were reported from committee, and a dozen or so read in place, and then the Senate manifested a decided disposition to get off home on the early afternoon trains.

Mr. Graham reported, from Finance Committee, his bill to appoint a commission to select a new site for the Western Penitentiary, and afterwards called it up and had it passed. The commission consists of the present Board of Managers of that institution, with Messrs. James McBrier, Alfred Slack and Henry M. Long added. It is empowered to select a site anywhere within fifty miles of Pittsburgh, and report on its practicability and the probable cost of site and buildings, either to this session of the Legislature or the next, and it is expressly stipulated that the commission shall entail no expenses on the State. It is a mere inquiry, and nothing will be decided by it, at least not positively. The recommendations of such a commission, of course, will be expected to be received with great weight, and their judgment, I have no doubt, will be conclusive.

I am glad, for one, that this step has been taken. The act for erecting the Penitentiary was passed in 1818, and, as the title of the bill quaintly expresses it, it was to be built on the public grounds belonging to the State "*outside* of the town of Allegheny, opposite Pittsburgh." The "town of Allegheny" was then a mere village, and the Legislature of that date was satisfied it was putting the building in the country, beyond the reach of any probable encroachment upon it of the town limits. Since then a great city has grown up to it and beyond it, and all around it; a beautiful park skirts its dark, high, ugly and repulsive walls; and the pressure upon it of the constantly increasing number of criminals has outgrown its capacity to accommodate them. The State must either build a new Penitentiary for some portion of the Western counties, and so relieve the pressure upon this, or it must find a new site for larger and more commodious buildings, there being no room for enlargement on the present site. There is no disposition, that I can see, to increase the number of Penitentiaries; and the State is therefore left to the latter alternative. Let us hope that the Commission will speedily find another spot that will answer all requirements, and that the Allegheny park will soon be relieved from the presence of this eyesore. The city of Allegheny could well afford to give $200 00 to get rid of it, and I feel certain that if that offer was made, the removal would take place as soon as new buildings could be erected.

Mr. Anderson called up a general bill, providing that whenever religious societies, congregations or organizations should, by resolution, so direct, the minister, elders and deacons, or deacons alone, should be empowered to act as Trustees. He pressed the measure strongly, and gave good reasons for it, but church organizations are so various, involving so many different shades of management and modes of holding property, that Senators generally rebelled against it. Finally, he restricted the bill in its operations, to Reformed Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, Christian and Baptist churches; but even there was opposition, and the bill, after being variously amended, was finally postponed. It will not pass, in its present shape.

Mr. McClure called up his bill to fix salaries instead of fees in the city of Philadelphia. The proviso of Mr. Davis, that the bill shall not apply to the present officers, was lost, 7 to 15, and then Mr. McClure offered an amendment that the law should not take effect until January 1, 1874. In this shape the bill passed up to third reading, and goes over until Monday night.

Mr. Wallace called up and passed a general bill relative to estates of decedents, and then the Senate, unwilling to consider any other bills, adjourned until Monday night.

SPECIAL.

CRIMES.

Terrible Murder and Suicide in Minnesota.

CHICAGO, February 22.—A most horrible case of premeditated murder and suicide occurred at Wasseca, Minnesota, on Monday last. It appears that two Germans, named Alexander Busen and John Ruff, the former married, the latter unmarried, owned and worked a farm together, and that finally Busen was driven away and Ruff took full possession of the farm, and of the Busen family. Recently the grand jury found an indictment against Ruff and the woman for adultery, which greatly alarmed them. On Tuesday morning last the neighbors, going to Busen's house, found the family all missing, discovered Mrs. Ruff and her youngest child lying on the bed bathed in blood, their throats cut from ear to ear. On the floor beside them lay the lifeless body of Ruff, with his throat also cut. From a letter left by the latter to his brother, it is evident that they agreed upon this tragic method of escape from the clutches of the law.

Robbery and Murder at Bethlehem, Pa.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., February 22.—Monroe Snyder was murdered last night, and his body thrown into the river, whence it was recovered. He is thought to have been followed from New York, where he had been collecting.

Altercation Between Two Steamboatmen.

NASHVILLE, February 22.—Captain Tom Ryman, of the steamboat Eddyville, and C. H. Arthur, steamboat agent, had an altercation to-day. Arthur was badly cut and hurt on the head. Ryman was shot in the arm, a flesh wound. The difficulty grew out of certain newspaper paragraphs for which Arthur was responsible.

Action of the Employees of Jas. Wood's Sons & Co.

WHEATLAND, Pa., February 22.—At a meeting of the employees of James Wood & Co., at this place this afternoon, the following preamble and resolution were passed by acclamation:

WHEREAS, We, the employees of James Wood's Sons & Co. at Wheatland, realizing the financial difficulty of our employers, for whom we entertain the kindest of feelings, they always having shown themselves to be the laborer's best friend,

Resolved, That we hereby tender them our sympathy by offering them our services, to the number of nearly a thousand men, for the next ninety days, asking for the same only sufficient out of their store to sustain ourselves and families until such time as they feel able to further compensate us.

The Carnival Festivities at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, February 22.—The city is rapidly filling with strangers to attend the Carnival. Telegrams from all quarters are pouring in for rooms at the hotels. Over fifteen hundred visitors will be in the city of the procession Tuesday. Arrangements have been made to receive the Governors and Legislatures of Arkansas and Tennessee.

The Centennial Mass Meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, February 22.—The mass meeting at the Academy of Music to-night was a great success. Simon Cameron presided. It was announced that the total subscription to-day for this city was $1,751,000. Appropriate resolutions were adopted.

XLII CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, February 22, 1873.

SENATE.

Mr. SCOTT presented the report of the Centennial Commission. The subscriptions, public and private, in Pennsylvania alone would amount to about $4,000,000. This start would insure the success of the exposition and would justify an appeal to other portions of the country.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported adversely the House bill for the distribution of the Geneva award.

Mr. HAMLIN offered a resolution to meet daily on and after Monday at eleven o'clock, and take a recess from 5 to 7 P. M. There were matters pending which it was necessary to dispose of before adjourning.

Several Senators objected to recess and advocated a continuance of the session.

Mr. MACHEN thought that the bodies and minds of the Senators became very much effeminated by their labors daily about four or five o'clock. He advocated a recess, long enough to give opportunity for a little recreation.

Several Senators having spoken Mr. LOGAN said that after this debate the question was important. He therefore moved to postpone so that it might not be decided without due deliberation. [Laughter.]

After further debate the Senate finally agreed to meet daily as specified.

Mr. MORTON gave notice that he would call up the report of the Committee on Louisiana in the Caldwell case next week, on Monday.

Mr. CARPENTER gave notice that immediately after Caldwell's case he would call up the report on the Louisiana case.

The Pacific R. R. appropriation came up in regular order, the question being on the motion of Mr. Sherman to strike out the clause providing for increased compensation for railroad service.

Mr. SHERMAN withdrew his amendment.

The amendment for the issue of two cent stamped letter sheet envelopes was laid on the table.

Mr. RAMSAY offered an amendment authorizing the Postmaster General to appoint a Superintendent of free delivery at a salary of $2,500.

Mr. FERRY, of Michigan, from Committee of Postoffices, offered an amendment authorizing the Postmaster General to increase the mail steamship service with Brazil, which, on motion of Mr. CHANDLER, was laid on the table.

Mr. RAMSAY offered an amendment requiring that all mail matter of the first class (letters) shall be prepaid.

Mr. CONKLING made the point that the amendment was not in order under the rule. The chair sustained the point.

The amendment requiring all persons who usually receive their mail matter through free delivery to provide boxes at their offices or houses was laid on the table.

The amendment providing additional compensation for railroad mail service was concurred in, as also were the other amendments agreed to in Committee of the Whole. The bill was then passed. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. GARFIELD, the House took up the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, the pending amendment being that offered by Mr. Banks, prohibiting the publication of books or documents by the government for gratuitous distribution, and the amendment by Mr. Butler, Massachusetts, forbidding any payment of salary or expenses to officers of the late so-called competitive civil service examination.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, also opposed Mr. Banks's amendment. After some remarks on that subject he said he would pass on to another newfangled notion of which the people had left out of Congress. [Laughter.] That was the civil service reform. He ridiculed questions put in competitive examinations, one of which was to correct the grammar in the sentence "he is a gentleman and he *don't* know it." He did not profess to be much of a grammarian, but he did not know how to correct that sentence unless he made it read "he *are* a gentleman and a scholar."

The amendment offered by Mr. Banks was rejected, without division, the yeas and nays being called for but refused.

The amendment by Mr. Butler, that none of the money should be used for the competitive civil service examination was rejected—yeas 85, nays 103.

The amendments agreed to in Committee of the Whole were then read and acted on. The first was by yeas and nays was on the amendment requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress how he discharges the secret service fund appropriation for preventing and the detection of counterfeiting. The amendment was rejected—yeas 94, nays 104.

The amendment increasing the item for a naval station at New London, Connecticut, from $5,000 to $50,000 was rejected—yeas 94, nays 99.

The bill was then passed.

Mr. GILFILLAN called for the report of the committee of twelve appointed to confer with the officers of the Washington National Monument Society on the practicability of completing the Washington Monument by the approaching Centennial anniversary.

Mr. SAWYER, who wished to take up the River and Harbor Appropriation bill, moved to postpone the Washington Monument matter until Wednesday next. The motion was agreed to.

Mr. MACKEY, having a question of privilege, offered a resolution reciting the testimony taken before the Senate Committee on Elections in the case of Gen. B. H. Sypher, a member from Louisiana, before the general election last year, while he was a candidate for election to Congress, that unlawful appointments were procured to be made false and fraudulent registration, false and fraudulent returns to be made by himself, and other gross frauds to be committed in connection with said election, and referring the matter to the Committee on Elections, with power to take testimony.

Mr. SYPHER said that when Theodore Jacques, the witness, testified against him, he had come to the capital, hired by the Democrats of Louisiana to testify falsely. He (Sypher) went before the Senate Committee and asked the privilege of rebutting that testimony, but the committee denied him that right, stating that his case was not before the committee. He hoped the resolution would be adopted. He would prove that Jacques was a perjured scoundrel, that he had been sent to Washington with Democratic money, and after having fulfilled his mission in the interest of the Democratic party. He challenged investigation. He thanked Mr. Kerr for a resolution.

A Democratic Member—Then you ought to have offered it yourself.

The resolution was adopted.

The House then took up the River and Harbor Appropriation bill, which appropriates $5,507,400, including the following items: For dredging out the bay of Superior to the mouth of Superior and Duluth, $100,000; for Marquette and Menominee harbors, Michigan, $40,000; for other harbors in Michigan, $197,000; harbors in Wisconsin, $120,000; Chicago harbor, $9,000; Calumet harbor, Illinois, $40,000; Michigan City harbor, $20,000; Fox and Wisconsin rivers, $300,000; St. Mary's Falls canal, $200,000; St. Clair flats canal, $100,000; Toledo harbor, Ohio, $100,000; other harbors on Lake Erie, $75,000; Oswego harbor, New York, $100; Dunkirk harbor, New York, $40,000; Buffalo harbor, New York, $75,000; other lake harbors in New York, $71,000; Burlington harbor, Vermont, $15,000; St. Anthony's Falls and Upper Mississippi, $95,000; Minnesota river, $10,000; Illinois river, $50,000; Des Moines Rapids, Mississippi river, $400,000; Rock Island Rapids, Mississippi river, $50,000; Harbor of Refuge, Surgeon Bay canal, $40,000; Mississippi, Missouri and Arkansas rivers, $100,000; Osage river, Missouri, $25,000; Columbia river, Louisiana, $20,000; Mississippi river, between the mouths of Missouri and Ohio, $100,000; Ohio river, $300,000; Kanawha river, $30,000; Upper Monongahela river, West Virginia, $66,000; Cumberland river, below Nashville, Tenn., $26,000; Wabash river, in Indiana and Illinois, $50,000; Tennessee, below Chattanooga, $100,000; Tennessee, above Chattanooga, $25,000; Yazoo river, Mississippi, $125,000; removing raft in Red river, Louisiana, $50,000; also various sums for rivers in Southern States, and also in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia; removing obstructions in East river, New York, including Hell Gate, $585,000; various sums for rivers and harbors in Eastern States; for Kennebec river $75,000; lower Willamette river, Oregon, $50,000; upper Willamette river, $100,000; break water at Wilmington, California, $150,000; surveys, examinations and contingencies, $100,000.

The second section directs the examination and surveys of numerous lakes, rivers and harbors.

Mr. HERFORD moved to insert $50,000 for the Great Kanawha river, West Virginia. Rejected—yeas 75, nays 85.

Mr. HOLMAN moved to insert an item appropriating $100,000 for the Louisville and Portland Canal, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to assume control and management of the canal, the tolls on steam vessels to be thereafter reduced to twenty-five cents per ton and all other vessels in proportion. After a long discussion this amendment was adopted, and the item of one hundred thousand dollars for the Falls of Ohio river stood as read.

Mr. WILSON, of Indiana, Chairman of the Union Pacific Railroad Committee, gave notice that he would on Monday next move to suspend the rules and pass the bill reported by that committee.

As the House was not making much progress on the river and Harbor bill, and was impatient to adjourn, Mr. SAWYER moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill with the following amendments: Inserting an item of $50,000 for the channel of Delaware river at Port Mifflin bar; striking out the item for the channel of Delaware river, at Horse Shoe Shoals, from $5,000 to $50,000; increasing the appropriation for surveys, examinations, and contingencies from $100,000 to $125,000. The motion was rejected—yeas 84, nays 64, not two-thirds in the affirmative.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, desired consent to have the House bill to distribute the Geneva award substituted for the Senate bill, but Mr. PORTER objected.

At 5:19 o'clock adjourned.

FIRES.

Fire on the Public Landing at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 22.—A fire to night in Daniel Gollerin's three story brick building on the public landing burned out the entire interior of half the building occupied as an eating and lodging house, damage to the building estimated at $8,000. A portion of the same building, No. 11 public landing, occupied by Parker, Wise & Co. as boat stores, were not injured by fire but damaged by water $5,000; fully insured in home companies. Loss on clothing is supposed to be covered by insurance.

Washington's Birthday Celebration at Mansfield, Ohio.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

MANSFIELD, OHIO, February 23, 1873.

Washington's birthday was pleasantly celebrated last evening, in the Congregational church, under the direction of the Mansfield Lyceum, Col. B. Burns presiding. Addresses were made by Col. Burns and Gen. Brinkerhoff. A. L. eulogy was pronounced by Mrs. M. I. Lindly, poems read by Miss Maggie Ayers, C. N. Pendleton, and Washington's Farewell Address read by N. N. Lyman, &c. The proceedings were interspersed with music by members of the Philharmonic Society.

The thermometer reached ten degrees below zero this morning, and it also marks the same this evening.

Suit for Damages.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

CHILLICOTHE, O., February 23, 1873.

The case of William Taylor & Co., vs. the Lessees of the Ohio and Erie canal, claiming ten thousand dollars damages for injury done to their pork packing establishment here by the canal breaking last April, comes off on Monday. The plaintiffs expect to prove negligence on the part of the lessees.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, February 22, 1873, 7 P. M.

PROBABILITIES FOR MONDAY.

In the New England States diminishing westerly winds and rising temperature. For the Middle States partly cloudy and cold weather, with north and west winds. For the South Atlantic and Gulf States partly cloudy and clear weather, with northerly and westerly winds and lower temperature. For the lake region rising barometer and partly cloudy and clear weather, with somewhat milder temperature.

Nomination for Constitutional Convention.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., February 22, 1873.

At the Republican Convention, Convention held at Canfield to-day, Dr. Brooke, of this place, was nominated a candidate for member of the Constitutional Convention.

Cold Weather at Chicago.

CHICAGO, February 22.—The weather last night and to-day was intensely cold. The thermometer this morning at the Government Observatory was ranged from sixteen to twenty below. Moderating to-day, and at ten P. M. nine above zero.

THE ALLINGHAM MURDER.

Trial of Briceland at Washington, Pa.

Evidence for the Prosecution.

WASHINGTON, February 22.—In the Allingham murder trial the evidence is becoming much stronger against Briceland.

Yesterday afternoon Cupples stated that he found on the prisoner a memorandum book with a measurement therein written corresponding to the width of Allingham's porch, from the window to the outer railing, the place where the instrument of death was put in position; that the first time he asked Briceland what it meant, he replied that it was the measurement of a building he was erecting; that after the finding of certain articles at Briceland's shop, and his being acquainted with the same, on being again interrogated as to the entry, he replied "find out."

Wm. Wirt, a carpenter, who was with Cupples at Paris Crossing, identified the articles there found; he also fitted the block to the board and pins found at Allingham's, and testified that they were originally one piece. Two of the pieces possess peculiar indentations on certain chopped paris, and Wirt, on fitting a hacked hatchet belonging to Briceland to the indentations, said the indentations had been made with the hatchet.

David Gardner testified that last summer Briceland told him he would yet have revenge on Allingham, and that he was very bitter and profane in his threat. Gardner also corroborated Cupples as to the tracks and certain marks on Truax's window.

Two or three witnesses saw Briceland engaged at his shop December 4th; the homicide occurred the night of that day.

Robert Phillips saw him the afternoon of the same day at his shop with a long piece of twine his in hands corresponding with the pieces said to have been found on Allingham's porch, with which it is believed the loaded pipe was fastened to the board.

Yesterday afternoon the cap or butt of the pipe was sprung off by a gas fitter and was found to contain wads of plain paper, pieces of cotton and woolen goods, and hard metal. An attempt will probably be made to trace these to Briceland. The interest in the case is unabated. It will continue far into next week. Court adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

LIMA, OHIO.

The Wheel Company Enterprise—Lake Erie and Louisville Railroad—Interesting Court Case—Religious Revivals.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

LIMA, O., February 23, 1873.

Washington's birthday was not generally observed here.

The Wheel Company have purchased a building and lots in the south part of town, and will commence work as soon as spring opens. They intend employing fifty to seventy-five men.

The Lake Erie and Louisville Railroad Company are now engaged in hauling iron and ties to put on their line between this city and St. Mary. They will push the road rapidly southward as soon as the weather will permit.

Some excitement is anticipated at the coming term of Court here. The County Commissioners' Bingham, of Ohio, versus Treasurer Partello for some irregularities in office. Mr. Partello has able council, and hopes to make the case interesting.

Revivals are progressing in several of our churches. Our Presbyterian church is yet without a pastor, failing to secure Dr. Grimes, of Alliance.

The weather is extremely cold.

FIRE AT CANTON, O.

Hardware and Shoe Store Destroyed—Loss About $10,000.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

CANTON, OHIO, February 23, 1873.

The brick house on the corner of Seventh and Market streets, owned by T. C. Richards and occupied by himself as a boot and shoe store, and by W. Hessig & Son as a hardware store, was almost entirely destroyed by fire about one o'clock this morning. The building and stock are insured in the Hartford for $4,000, and in the Ætna of Hartford, Conn., for $3,000, which will cover the loss. Other stocks will not exceed two hundred dollars. W. Hessig & Son's stock was insured in the Home of New York for $5,000; Leetonia and Dayton, O., for $2,500, and Firemen's of Dayton for $2,500. Loss between $5,000 and $6,000, the greater part of which was damaged by water. The loss on the building is between $3,000 and $4,000. The stock of the grocery store, owned by Lewis Dumont, adjoining Richards's boot and shoe store, sustained a loss of about $800 all from water; fully insured in the Royal of London. The fire is supposed to have caught from a flue in Richard's store. There was a heavy wind blowing at the time, and it was only by the promptness and hard work of the fire department that the fire was kept from spreading to frame buildings on both sides.

CASUALTIES.

Collision of Trains—Conductor Killed and Two Others Injured.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

DALTON, ILL., February 23, 1873.

A serious accident occurred about five o'clock this morning on the Cairo, Dalton and Vandalia Railroad, which resulted in the death of one and injury of two others. The circumstances are as follows: Train No. 8, bound north, having run short of water between Momence and Staune, the engine was cut loose and started to Momence for water. The train had been standing for some minutes when passenger train No. 4, due at Momence at 5:14, came thundering along and ran into the rear end of the caboose, where it seems the men were asleep. Conductor Hogeboom of the freight was killed outright, one brakeman injured, and the engineer of the passenger engine No. 4 had his shoulder dislocated. The caboose and one car carried the debris and burned, also burning the track so badly that new iron had to be laid.

Dwelling Burned at Foxburg, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

ST. PETERSBURG, Pa., February 22, 1873.

A dwelling house in East Foxburg, owned by John A. Powell, caught fire at ten o'clock this morning and was destroyed in a short time. They succeeded in saving all the household goods. The fire was caused by a defective flue. The loss will not exceed one thousand dollars.

Jail Delivery at Youngstown, Ohio.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., February 22, 1873.

Four prisoners broke out of the county jail last night by climbing up the chimney and letting themselves down by bed clothes tied together. McGuire, a horse thief, was recaptured to-day. The others are still at large.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

At Terre Haute, Indiana, Hon. R. H. Lee, a Representative to the General Assembly from this county, died at the residence of his brother yesterday of consumption.

Mrs. E. O. G. Willard, Second Vice President of the National Labor Union Association, an ardent and influential advocate of the woman's cause, died yesterday in Chicago, aged fifty-eight years.

Charles Gillis, Postmaster at Hillsboro, N. H., was arrested on Saturday for embezzling mails.

The March interest on 10-40 bonds will be paid today, without rebate.

The investigation concerning the Pacific Mail Steamship Company using money to procure legislation, will begin at Washington City to-day.

Leech & Woolman's distillery, at Union Stock Yards, Chicago, was destroyed by fire Friday night with all the machinery and about fifteen hundred barrels of highwines. Total loss $50,000. A number of adjoining buildings were also burned, involving an additional loss of $10,000.

Rio Janeiro mail advices report that the ravages of yellow fever carry off hundreds of persons daily. Very few Americans are taken with the disease, it being confined mostly to the Portuguese and Italians.

At Newark, New Jersey, it is reported that the pleuro-pneumonia epidemic is among the cattle.

Robert Camden, colored, was hanged at Fayette, Mo., on the 21st, for the murder of his wife in July last. The execution took place in an open field a short distance from the town, and was witnessed by from three to four thousand people. Campion was convicted on circumstantial evidence, and protested his innocence to the last.

At Washington city, Friday night, Wm. Semmes undertook to commit suicide by shooting himself, because he was apprehended for robbing a friend of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

The steamships Europa, from Glasgow, and Great Western, from Bristol, arrived at New York yesterday.

The theatrical season was re-inaugurated Saturday at Washington City, by the opening of Wall's new opera house, which is the finest ever known in that city. The seating capacity of the house is for thirteen hundred persons.

The Presidential Inauguration Committee have received a communication from Ithaca, New York, recommending that instead of a grand ball on inauguration evening, they hold a grand prayer meeting.

Parsons and Williams, charged with conspiring to prevent the election of a United States Senator from Alabama, have been discharged by Judge Busteed.

Linford Finlingon was thrown from the platform of the 6:30 New York and Trenton train Saturday night, in consequence of the breaking of the coupling, the rear portion of the train passing over him and causing instant death.

The trains on all the railroads in Maine have been detained by snow, the storm on Saturday night being the heaviest known in that section for many years.

At Evansville, Indiana, W. J. Lowry, banker and one of the oldest residents of Southern Indiana, died suddenly yesterday morning, aged seventy-seven years.

John L. Mogan, formerly a flatboatman, was arrested at Evansville on Saturday with $6,285 in counterfeit greenbacks on his person.

The ship Norwester, from New Orleans for Liverpool, put into Key West yesterday, with her cargo of cotton on fire, which had been burning since the 20th. There was no prospect of saving the ship or cargo.

James Brady, indicted for the murder of J. Dixon in a saloon at Keokuk, Iowa, in December last, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

The Credit Mobilier Business.

EXCITING TIME IN PROSPECT.

Wholesale Expulsion Insisted Upon by the Democrats.

The Impeachment Agitation

Ames Will Offer a Defense.

Extra Session of the Senate.

The Marine Hospital Service.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 23, 1873.

An Eventful Week.

The coming few days will doubtless be amongst the most interesting and exciting that have been witnessed in Congress since the days of the Andy Johnson impeachment. Several important reports of committees are to be acted upon. The one most likely to create considerable feeling on both sides is the report of the Poland Committee on the Credit Mobilier investigation. According to the present programme the Democrats will endeavor to include the Republican members who have been associated in the transactions, and the impeachment agitation is likely to increase the bitterness of the debate. In the Senate the Caldwell resolution of expulsion is set down for to-morrow, and will open some peculiar insights into Kansas politics. The House Committee on Judiciary met last night for the purpose of considering the Tyner resolution to investigate the charges against Mr. Colfax, and if they warranted such action, to present articles of impeachment for the consideration of the House. The meeting was of the most exciting character, Ben Butler, Goodrich and Potter were in favor of impeachment. Others were opposed to impeachment, but in favor of reporting that the evidence in the Colfax case was not satisfactory. The Democrats of the committee favored swabbing for further developments. The committee broke up without taking decisive action.

Extra Session of the Senate.

The President's proclamation calling for an Executive session of the Senate, contemplates merely the nomination and confirmation of such appointments as may be found necessary. It is understood that the changes will be numerous. Among the nominations mentioned is Judge Bingham, of Ohio, whose term in Congress expires with the present session, to be Minister to China, in place of Mr. Low.

Ames's Defense.

Oakes Ames has prepared a statement, which he will present to the House and request to be read in his own defense when the Poland report is under consideration. The Democrats generally declare that they will vote for the expulsion of Mr. Ames.

Arrest of Louisiana Troubles.

General Dick Taylor, a prominent officer in the Confederate army during the rebellion, visited the President and Attorney General yesterday and submitted a proposition looking to an adjustment of the political difficulty existing in Louisiana. His suggestion was that the legal election returns could be left to the Returning Board, and when declared to be the legal board by the Supreme Court of that State, that is the Lynch Board, Packard and his party be ascertained beyond a doubt to have been defeated by such returns be duly elected by such returns from the records to constitute the legal State government. The President has already stated his disinclination to interfere in State affairs, and every step is kept under the direction of Congress. The President, as a consequence, made no reply to General Taylor's proposition.

Marine Hospital Service.

The report of J. M. Woodworth, Supervising Surgeon of the Marine Hospital Service, has been presented, and shows that the total cost of the Marine Hospitals in the United States the last fiscal year was $390,263, and the amount of revenue from sums retained from seamen's wages $228,706. The number of sick and disabled seamen treated in the hospitals was 12,302, and the number furnished with medicine but not treated in hospital 2. The report further says that the amount collected last year was more than ever before since 1798, it is still believed that not more than three-fourths of the lawful tax is collected at the present time. Only 20 cents a month is deducted from the wages of each seaman for the support of these hospitals. Vessels absent from the country for a series of years frequently escape the payment of these amounts by losing passage. They also resort to other ingenious devices to defraud the hospitals. The time the hospital system is considered necessary, and a bill for that purpose will be submitted. The report recommends, for sanitary reasons, the removal of the hospital at Chicago after the built of wood, and be taken down and new ones built every ten years. The report also recommends that the present Marine Hospital in Allegheny City be sold, and a new one built to accommodate thirty patients.

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RAILROAD RIGHTS OF WAY.

In the Senate to-day, Mr. Casserly reported from the Committee on Public Lands, without amendment, the bill granting one hundred feet right of way through public lands to the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company. The bill also grants all lands that may be necessary for depot and station grounds. The Senate Committee on Commerce reported, without amendment, the House bill granting right of way for the Utah Northern Railroad Company, to extend its line via Bear river valley, Soda Springs, Snake river valley and through Montana, to connect at the most suitable point with the Northern Pacific.

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SENATE.

By the President of the United States of America.

Proclamation: WHEREAS, objects of interest to the United States require that the Senate should be convened at twelve o'clock on the 4th of March next, to receive and act upon such communications as may be made to it on the part of the executive.

Now, therefore, I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, consider it to be my duty to issue this proclamation, declaring that extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene for the transaction of business at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the 4th day of March next, at twelve o'clock at noon on that day. And I hereby call on all that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety-seventh.

U. S. GRANT.

By the President:

HAMILTON Fish, Secretary of State.

THE SENATE CREDIT MOBILIER COMMITTEE.

At the sitting of the Senate Credit Mobilier Committee this morning Mr. Patterson testified that he had no recollection of seeing the letter of Morton, Bliss & Co. to him of May 12, 1871, or the receipt of Ames to that firm. The stock certificate he never saw until a few days ago.

After a secret session of half an hour John B. Alley was sworn and asked if he had any knowledge that the money given Harlan by Durant was paid by the Union Pacific Company. Witness replied that he had not. He became a director in the road in 1867, and the money was given in 1866. Witness learned from either Oakes Ames or Oliver Ames that Durant claimed the money from the road, and replied that it was an outrage for the company to be called upon to pay any such bill. Had a conversation with Harlan about the money. Harlan said "if that is a company affair I want to pay it back." I don't want to receive any money from the company for any such purpose," Harlan said, "I will return it at once." Witness had never seen anything on the books of the company to lead him to think the money had been received from the company. Heard nothing about the matter since. In conversation with Harlan witness told him he thought (and he the Harlan) had received checks from Durant; that Durant was now expecting a change in the charge to the amount to the company; that Harlan admitted he had received the money, but said he had no idea that it was to be charged to the company; if so he would return it. Cannot remember the date of the conversation with Harlan, but thought it was in the spring of 1867. Did not remember having any conversation with Dawes on the subject. To the present knowledge of witness Durant never made any claim upon the road to have the money returned. Has no knowledge of fixing the date of the conversation between Harlan and himself. Witness was examined at some length as to the operations of the Credit Mobilier, but the testimony was only a repetition of that before the House Committee.

Senator Harlan was recalled and testified that he never was a formal candidate for the Senate. Dr. Durant, his conversation with witness, that he wanted to contribute toward the Iowa election. It was understood among the friends of witness that his name was to be used for the Senate.

Adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday.

THE KANSAS BRIBERY.

The House Committee on Judiciary met to-night to consider the various questions of impeachment referred to it. The intention was at first to take testimony for the whole week, but owing to pressure, but in view of the near termination of Congress and the impossibility of having all the testimony, the committee postponed the subject, in order to have a general consultation on the course to be pursued in reference to all the cases.

THE KANSAS BRIBERY.

Guerin, Chairman of the Topeka Legislative Investigating Committee, reported to the Sergeant-at-Arms with Senator Yorks alleged bribe money. There are at present four other witnesses for the prosecution and eight for the defense.

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THE CREDIT MOBILIER EXCITEMENT.

No members of the House believe that the resolutions of the Poland Committee, recommending the expulsion of Ames and Brooks, can secure even a majority of the House, much less the two-thirds vote required. Some of the members of both political parties express the opinion that instead a general resolution of censure will be passed, affecting all the members of the House who were concerned in the Credit Mobilier operations. At least ewely gentlemen are prepared to speak on the subject. Everybody anticipates exciting proceedings on Tuesday.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE INAUGURATION.

The most extensive preparations are making for the inauguration ceremonies. The different military and civic organizations will form a parade day and the time that the Grant and Sherman armies were received here at the close of the war. The inauguration ball will be the grandest ever given in the country. The President, Vice President, Cabinet Ministers, Senators, Representatives, foreign ministers and distinguished civilians from all parts of the Union will be in attendance. On the 5th of March the President, Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy will review the West Point and Naval cadets. A portion of Pennsylvania avenue will be assigned for their parade and maneuvers. As numerous volunteer organizations will be in attendance, it is probable that several of the broad avenues will be occupied by them for their competition drill. This will afford opportunity to compare the West Point school with the volunteer system.

LOCAL OPTION.

Blair County Gives Twenty-five Hundred Majority Against License.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA., February 22, 1873.

Blair county voted yesterday on Local Option, and the majority against license, including Altoona, is 2,500. The majority in the city of Altoona is 934, and in Hollidaysburg 200.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 22, 1873.

PARADE OF AMERICAN PROTESTANTS.

The American Protestant Association, to the number about fifteen hundred, united in a procession today. Everything passed off very orderly. Large deputations were present from suburban places and the streets of the line of procession were filled with crowds of spectators who filled the streets added to the display. Services were held in many of the churches. In the evening a number of societies and clubs held military receptions and reunions.

STILL BAFFLING JUSTICE.

Rosenzweig's lawyer is to apply to the Supreme Court for prohibition against Grand Juries finding an indictment against him.

FAREWELL TO FATHER BURKE.

Over five thousand persons assembled at the pier whence the steamer departed to bid Father Burke farewell. Addresses were made on behalf of associations of this city and Brooklyn, and were responded to

The Daily Commercial.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1873.

THE postponement of the President's proposed tour through the Southern States is only temporary. The anticipated pressure of public business in March renders this adjournment necessary. The trip will, however, be made at a later period, and will undoubtedly result in much good if the people of that section make up their minds to lay aside old animosities and prejudices, and meet the President in the same courteous and friendly spirit that animates him.

IT HAS just been decided at the Post Office Department, that after a letter leaves the mailing office, it passes from the control of the writer, and must be delivered to the person addressed. Should, however, that party not be found, the letter will be returned to the sender, either through the Dead-Letter Office or in accordance with the return request, if there be such on the envelope. This ruling applies as well to "registered" as to ordinary letters. The ruling is one of considerable public importance.

TWO of the editors of the New York *World* have been summoned to Washington by the Wilson Credit Mobilier Committee, to state the basis of that paper's constant assertions that the late TRADDEUS STEVENS received eighty thousand dollars from the Pacific Railroads, for the purpose of influencing his course as a member of Congress in their favor. This is right. There is not the slightest probability that they will be able to prove their charge. If they are, well and good; if not, let them be branded as they deserve. There has been far too much of this currish baying over the graves of dead lions.

A RESOLUTION was last week introduced into the Michigan Legislature, providing for the submission to the people, at the election of 1874, of a Constitutional Amendment making the minority representation system a part of the organic law of that State. It is not probable that the proposition will be adopted. In Illinois, where the plan has been fairly tested, there is so general a feeling of dissatisfaction with its practical workings, that an amendment to the State Constitution has been offered in the Legislature abolishing the new method and providing for a return to the old plan. Actual experience seems to have thoroughly exposed the fallacies of the system.

IF THE Senate will supplement its wise and thoughtful action in rejecting the Soldiers' and Sailors' Bounty Land bill, by meeting out a similar fate to the Agricultural College bill, which was last week rushed through the House by dint of its manager deliberately breaking his promise to allow amendments, that body will still further deserve the good opinion of the country. The donation of public lands for a particular branch of education, which must necessarily be exclusive in its operation, or for the higher branches of education where the original common school system of the country needs support, is of doubtful expediency. It was a fault of the general policy of the slave States to foster collegiate education rather than that of common schools. It was a fault that ought to be corrected by the policy of the government, and especially as the application of the principles of common school education is national, universal and equally beneficent to all.

IT IS to be hoped the project now under consideration by the Legislature for the restoration of the fisheries of this State, may meet with better success than last year, when a bill passed for a similar object was vetoed by Governor GRARY. There does not appear to be any good reason why, with proper management, the waters of the globe may not be made as serviceable, acre for acre, as sources of food supply, as the soil of the earth itself. In many other States of the Union movements are being prescuted with most salutary results for restocking their waters with the fish which once abundant, have become extinct from over-fishing and want of proper protection with respect to propagation. Hardly any State is more bountifully supplied with water courses than Pennsylvania, and there is little doubt that if a liberal and comprehensive system of fish culture were adopted, the increased supplies of fish food which would presently follow, would compensate an hundred fold for the annual outlay.

THE editor of the New York *Sun* evidently considers discretion to be the better part of valor. Some time ago, while passing through Philadelphia, he was arrested on a libel suit, brought against him by a citizen of this State; giving bail in the sum of five thousand dollars for his future appearance, but forfeiting his recognizances when the case was called, because he knew his conviction was certain if the matter were brought to trial. Being invited by the Centennial Commissioners of this State to address a meeting held in Philadelphia last Saturday in behalf of that enterprise, he declined upon the ground that "free speech in Philadelphia" was not "safe," because under the laws of Pennsylvania "the truth of a libel does not justify it." This is the plea of a coward. We have heretofore shown that all that any editor need be sure of, in any such instance, is to know the truth of what he asserts, and be sure of his capacity to prove it. DANA well enough knew that he could not substantiate his accusations against the prosecutor, and hence he prudently chose to forfeit his bail and continue to indulge in slander at a safe distance. What he is actually afraid of is not the law of *libel*, but the operation of the law of justice.

MENTION was the other day made in the telegraphic columns of this paper of a gigantic real estate swindle in Chicago, in the shape of the sale, by a gang of unscrupulous speculators, of hundreds of lots in what is termed "the Boulevard addition to Chicago." This so-called "addition" is located in a swamp in the town of Worth, some fifteen miles southwest of the city. The "lots" are six to ten feet one way by twenty to thirty-five the other. There is but one street running in one direction through the plat, the "blocks" being half a mile in length, and about ninety feet in width. The streets are from six to eighth feet in width. The whole thing is one of the most consummate swindles ever attempted in the West. As an evidence of the extensive proportions the fraud has reached, an examination of the records shows that nearly a thousand persons have been duped by the operators. The Chicago papers report that many victims are being daily added to the list, and that parties are now at the East successfully engaged in borrowing money upon this worthless property. We refer to the matter for the purpose of putting our readers on their guard, inasmuch as the high character of city and suburban property in Chicago affords the confederates unusual facilities for the successful carrying out of their designs.

THE Senate Committee on Public Lands is to be commended for its adverse report on the Soldiers' Bounty Land bill passed by the House last December. The bill, if enacted into law, would have required the enormous area of 332,000,000 acres, making eleven States as large as Ohio. Since the first Land Bounty act for military services was passed, eleven other acts have been framed and made law. The total area covered by the twelve laws is 74,000,631 acres. The average price obtained by the soldiers is estimated not to have exceeded, at any one time, thirty-five cents per acre. It is believed that not one per cent. of the beneficiaries of bounty grants ever accepted it in kind, while the remainder parted with it at nominal rates. By this means, the grant area was transferred passed almost entirely into the hands of speculators, and has since been sold to farmers at greatly enhanced prices. The committee, after a careful review of the various provisions of the bill, unanimously express the opinion that it would be vastly preferable for the government to give the amount of money represented by the proposed grant directly to the soldiers and sailors, and retain the lands for settlement under existing laws, in which opinion nine-tenths of those for whose benefit the measure was ostensibly introduced into Congress will heartily coincide.

THE settlement of what have heretofore been familiarly known as "the Great Plains" of the West has, up to within quite a recent period, been considered doubtful. It is now, however, rapidly being made an accomplished fact. For a distance of some three hundred miles west of the Missouri river, on both sides of the Kansas Pacific Railway, which has its course through the region in question, the country is becoming comparatively well settled. A wealthy English capitalist lately purchased thirty thousand acres of land in this quarter, which he will shortly colonize with a large company of experienced English and Scotch herders and stock raisers. The chief purpose of the proprietor is said to be to develop the fact that the so-called "Plains" are pre-eminently adapted to the raising of sheep. Should the experiment be successful there will soon be a host of imitators, whose flocks of hundreds of thousands will usurp the feeding grounds of the buffalo and the antelope. Many who have seen the immense sheep "runs" of Australia have visited this region, and expressed their opinion that it is immeasurably superior in every respect. The grass of Australia is poor and coarse, and the country is liable to severe droughts, while, on the other hand, the short "curled mesquit," or buffalo grass, of the Plains, is extremely succulent, and the high rolling prairie, traversed with clear streams, and the absence of flies and barrs, are all decided points in favor of that country. The increase of taxable wealth and national power derived from the settlement of over nine millions of pastoral, agricultural, and mineral lands, and the value conferred upon government lands hitherto lying idle and unproductive, is naturally a matter of great importance to us as a people.

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

The Constitutional Convention has borrowed from the Circumlocution Office the pattern of How Not to Do It.

When we wrote our article on the Tax qualifications of voters, deprecating the qualification adopted by the Convention as calculated to render a Registry law impracticable, we little thought that the Convention would follow up its action by prescribing the very thing we dreaded as the consequence of what they had already done. Yet, on the very day that article appeared, the proper committee reported to the Convention a section providing that "it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide for a Registration of voters; but no voter shall be deprived of his right to vote by reason of not being on the registry." This proposition is now pending, and is probably now under discussion.

Could anything be more ridiculous than this? You shall have a registry of voters; but the registry shall not be conclusive of a man's right to vote. What, then, is the use of it? If men *not* on the registry are to be allowed to vote, the registry determines nothing. It leaves everything to chance, and instead of having the claims of voters passed on by those appointed to register them, when there is full time and opportunity to inquire into the claims and pass coolly upon them, it remits these claims to be settled at the polls, amid the passions and excitements of election day, when there is neither time to hear them properly nor the requisite coolness of judgment to decide them. Better to have no registry at all than a partial and inconclusive one.

For those who study the business of election frauds want no better opportunity than this offer for crowding in the votes of unqualified men. It throws the door wide open for imposition. Protect it as you may, put guards without number around the ballot-box, yet if the registry of voters is not to be conclusive, and any one can vote who can apparently make out that he has the legal qualifications of a voter, fraudulent voters will comply with all the forms and get their votes in, in spite of all precautions to the contrary.

But, it may be argued, they may just as easily get their names on the registry. Not so. The registry, under the provisions proposed in the new Constitution, will have to be made up two months before the election, and abundant time will thus be allowed to canvass every claim carefully, and decide upon it coolly; whereas, on election day, every body is excited, no one can possibly be cool or free from prejudice, and at many of the polls in the State, it takes nearly all the time to receive the votes of legal and unquestioned voters, leaving no proper amount of time to pass wisely or correctly on the claims of unregistered voters, with excited men all about, clamoring for and against the claimants. The proper time to decide on a man's right to vote is before the election; the day of election should be devoted exclusively to receiving the votes of those whose right to vote has been determined beforehand.

This is the real and the only value of a registry law. It can have no practical effect if it is not, in actual fact, what it purports to be, a list of those who are legally entitled to vote. An incomplete list is no list at all; and a registry which is not an absolute guide to election officers is in reality no registry at all. If election officers are left free to add, on election day, on any pretext or claim whatever, the names of others, then the election officers are masters of the situation and the result is in their hands. Every scheme that ingenuity can devise will be resorted to, to get control of the Election Board; and everything else will thenceforth be easy. With such fellows as BRAMISH in the Sixth and Twelfth wards of Scranton, and many other places we could name, any quantity of fraudulent votes could be marshalled through this open door, and every form of law be complied with.

The only security for pure elections is a Registry that shall be absolute and conclusive. Abundant time will thus be offered, months before election, to canvass and decide on the qualification of voters; and if, in any instance, the Registration Board should place on the list the names of unqualified voters, or omit the names of qualified ones, there are weeks enough left to scrutinize the lists, inquire into the facts of each case, and, if needed, to invoke the powers of the Courts, either to strike off fraudulent names or add those intentionally omitted. All this is impossible on election day; and hence the folly of remitting therefrom the inquiry and decision of such cases to the election officers, as the Convention proposes to do by prescribing that no voter shall be denied a vote because his name is not on the registry.

The pet scheme of the Democratic leaders in the Convention, which is now under discussion, to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that all ballots shall be numbered, by the election officers, with the number opposite the name of the voter in the list of voters, is another scheme for trickery and fraud covered up under the pretense that it will be an absolute security against fraudulent votes. The plea is that if each ballot is numbered as it goes into the box, with the number opposite the name of the voter, any fraudulent vote can be detected and thrown out, if, afterwards, the proof of fraud is made clear. This is plausible but deceptive. It presupposes that all election officers are pure—that all the fraudulent intent exists outside the election room and none inside. Unfortunately, the history of elections in Pennsylvania does not warrant this supposition. Election officers need watching as well as voters; and nothing would be easier, where the skill was equal to the interest, than the putting of wrong numbers on ballots known to be fraudulent.

For instance, when the polls open say, in the Fifth ward of this city, let us suppose two voters present themselves at the window, whose votes it will be numbered 1 and 2. A is a Republican and votes first, and his right to vote is unquestioned. B is a Democrat, and his right to vote *is* questioned, and so questionable as to make it sure that he has no right to vote at all. Yet the election officers (we are *supposing* a case) admit his vote. Now A's vote *should* be numbered, under this system, No. 1, and B's should be No. 2; but let us further suppose that the election officer who takes this vote and has a clear conviction that it will be thrown out, if numbered right, should put the number one on B's ballot and two on A's ballot. What would be the result of a scrutiny of the ballot-box after the election? Why, it would be A's vote that would be thrown out, and B's would be retained. The man whose right to vote was unquestioned would lose his vote, and the man who had no right would have his counted. Nothing could be easier than this where the skill is equal to the will, and experience has shown that there is an abundance of effective talent that could be used in this direction. This alleged protection against fraud is simply no protection at all.

And then, the numbering of ballots absolutely destroys their secrecy. The election officers would know, if they wanted to, how every voter voted. In many places, where voters are not numerous, and every voter knows every other voter, there is often a great deal of curiosity to know how some peculiarly secretive and sly trimmers vote. A reference to the numbers, if everything was done fairly, would render this easy; and if not fairly done, the deceptive numbers might shoulder on to these suspected men the reputation for casting votes they never cast. No oath of secrecy could be depended on to repress the gratification of this curiosity. Grand juries are sworn to secrecy; yet the secrets of the grand jury room are not beyond reach, nor does it require any great skill to get possession of them. Such things would look out, in spite of all the oaths that could be imposed. The knowledge of every man's vote in the district would be common to five or seven men; and one leaky vessel out of either of those numbers would not be an unusual proportion. The old *viva voce* system would be infinitely preferable to this. The object of the ballot is secrecy; and every mark on a ballot which a Constitution may authorize effectually destroys that object.

If the purpose of the majority in the Convention is to find out how not to do it, they are on the high road to succeed in that purpose; but if their purpose is really to subserve the cause of purity in elections, let them simplify the qualification of voters instead of complicating them, and prescribe the simplest possible machinery for detecting and preventing fraud. Let them say that every voter who has been one year in the State and two months in the election district, shall have the right to vote, leaving out all tax qualifications whatever; and that his right to vote shall be determined by a Registry Board, who shall register his name as evidence of his right, and decisions of Registry Boards being subject to judicial revision. Beyond that, all is surplusage, full of complications and bewildermentss.

LOCAL OPTION.

The people of Pittsburgh, Allegheny city, and such other portions of the county as do not hold their municipal elections on the third Friday in March, and who are favorable to Temperance reform, are not only earnest and emphatic, but unanimous in their demands for the passage of such a supplement to the general Local Option law as shall enable them to vote for or against license to sell intoxicating liquors. Since this privilege has been granted to all other communities in the State, it would be manifestly unjust to withhold it from the people of this county. We hold it, therefore, to be the duty of our members in the Legislature to agree upon a bill for that purpose, at the earliest day possible, and secure its passage. The bill offered by Senator GRAHAM, and which has already passed the Senate, authorizes a vote on the third Friday in April next, under the Local Option law, and would place the people of these cities on the same footing, in regard to this question, as those in other parts of the State. Our advices from Harrisburg are to the effect that this bill can be passed in the House if our members ask for its passage, but not otherwise. The whole responsibility, therefore, is cast upon them, and they need not seek to divide it. We do not propose to discuss the effects of the abolition of the license system, here or elsewhere, under the Option law, nor is the question of the constitutionality of the law one of immediate concern. The Legislature in its wisdom has given to the people of the Commonwealth the right to prohibit license or continue it, as the majority in the various subdivisions may decide; but, by an oversight or blunder in the law, the voters of Pittsburgh and Allegheny city cannot exercise this right without additional legislation. Let us say that, at best, the measure is but an experiment, and that the law is of doubtful legality, yet the right of these communities to whatever the law confers is undeniable. The supplement should be passed, giving the same right to vote here for or against license as in other parts of the State.

THINGS IN SPAIN.

Complete uncertainty still rests upon the prospects of the Spanish republic, even as regards the immediate future. Every one perceives so much, that the republican chiefs have undertaken a task of extreme difficulty, which good fortune as well as the greatest prudence and tact can alone enable them to accomplish. In the first place, the friends of popular government in Spain are divided in opinion among themselves. A very large number of them calling themselves democrats, are in favor of a powerful central government, which shall regulate the affairs of the entire country without reference to or respect for its existing provincial and municipal organizations. To these are opposed the republicans of the school of CASTELAR, who recognize those ancient organizations as the foundation and hope of the revolution. Instead of ignoring or destroying those elementary popular governments they would reinvest them in any old rights and privileges of which they may have been deprived, and would make them the constituent parts of a federative republic, like that of the United States, or rather like that of Switzerland. But unfortunately still other views find supporters among these parties friendly to popular rule. The Socialists form a strong party, and the Communists form another, and their differences are not the less fiercely maintained and contested, because to disinterested spectators they seem insignificant. And more numerous perhaps than either of these last named parties is the party which regards the International Society as embodying the essence of all social and political wisdom, and the late Paris Commune as a blessed rule, which if let alone by M. THIERS and his troops would have shown the world how mankind ought to live and be governed. No one appears to know how many of these fanatics there are in Spain, but they are believed to be very numerous among the working classes of the great cities and they are known to be so much in earnest as to be ready at any moment to fight and riot for the realization of their principles or dreams. In Barcelona and some other towns conflicts between them and the troops have already taken place, and it is evident that a good deal of work is thus cut out for the new government, in putting down these turbulent enthusiasts.

A portion of the uncertainty which hangs over the republic is due to the uncertainty which attaches to the sentiments of the army, which has nearly always played the principal part in Spanish revolutions. The army is well known to regard itself as the foundation of the established social and political order, and will, no doubt, assert its position in the present crisis of the country. The higher officers are believed to be for the most part favorable to monarchy, but among the officers of lower rank, and among the troops in general, sentiment is much divided. Thus it is said that while the cavalry and part of the artillery would prefer a kingly government, the infantry branch of the service is in large majority friendly to the government lately proclaimed. Thus the republicans are sure of support from a part of the army, and they hope for the support of the other or royalist portion, from the mere number of royal pretenders among whom their allegiance is divided.

Just as in France, the republic has been favored by the division of sentiment caused by Bonapartism, Orleanism and Bourbonism, the republic of Spain may find strength in the fact that Carlists, Alfonsists and Montpensierists are each equally resolved to push their own candidate. The soldiers, accustomed for some years to act together and unable to agree upon one or other of the royal pretenders, may conclude to accept the republic by way of compromise. It must, however, be admitted that at present the prospects of the republic are anything else than bright, and that there is much probability in the view which seems to be common in France, that the various parties in Spain are busy preparing their forces for one of those fierce and prolonged struggles which have been so common in Spanish history.

THE REMEDY.

The *Nation* mentioning the fact that a Republican organ professes itself "shocked" at the extreme eagerness with which the Credit Mobilier scandals have been caught up and repeated by the newspaper press, evidently thinks that the "shock" would have been more legitimate and becoming, if the reception or treatment of the scandals had been different. It is, however, just possible that the *Nation* may have misunderstood the meaning of the paper referred to. Somewhere in one of his many books, Archbishop TRENCH remarks that though we who use the English language have no single word to denote what the Germans denote by their word *schadenfreude*, and what the Greeks denoted by a word three syllables longer, we are equally as well acquainted with the thing meant by the word—"joy in another's evil!" In a general way, the hearty severity with which the faithlessness to public trust, the meanness of character and the falsehood, not to say the perjury revealed by the late investigation, have been denounced by the press, has been creditable to the profession of journalism. At the same time it cannot be fairly denied that some able editors have shown from the first mere delight in the degradation of the men whose sins have been brought to light. There are many people in every community, so constituted by nature and habit that, to them an infamous charge or a damaging suspicion directed against any person of reputable character, and especially of high position, always seems a self-evident truth, and when the charge or suspicion happens to be sustained by plausible evidence, they are utterly incapable of appreciating or even considering any arguments or facts that may be alleged in refutation. In the thoughts of these people the presumption is always in favor of guilt, not innocence. In the case of one or two of the men implicated in the Credit Mobilier business several of these "devil's advocates" exhibit their peculiar spirit and talents with a frankness which is almost comical and which certainly goes far among cool and disinterested readers to defeat the object of the display. Indeed, but for the superfluous zeal and ingenuity thrown into the assault on corruption by these gentry, the American people might congratulate themselves that, with a press so unanimous and earnest in denouncing bribery and breach of trust on the part of their public men, they need entertain no serious fears for their national future.

As it is, there is really no good reason to despair of the republic. The great heart of the nation is sound enough. In the very causes which make the present scandals seem so appaling and disgraceful will be found the remedial influences destined to restrain and elevate the public men of the time to come. Under another form of government all sorts of peculation and public robbery may be rife and rampant, and yet little more than vague suspicion of the truth ever reach the ears of the people. The select few persons of royal and aristocratic birth who have the control of things cannot afford to let one or more of their number become the subject of scandal. Even when much of the truth leaks out, the worst may still be kept back. Here the people have the whole matter in their own hands, and if scandals of the kind which now disturb the nation shall occur again, the people will have only themselves to blame.

Heretofore the people have been notoriously lenient towards the suspicion, and even the positive charge of illicit gain by public men. The truth seems to be that on account of the relative ease with which a livelihood is gained and money is made in this country, people, with whatever moral indignation they may regard dishonesty, have not felt the rage at being robbed, which is inspired in those old countries where living is difficult and where consequently the peculation of a few officials may tell directly on the daily comforts and enjoyments of whole classes of the population. In those countries nothing but secrecy can prosper the evil business. Here with the lapse of every year the people will come more sensitively to feel the value of money as the foundation of more comfort in living, and secresy being impossible, bribery will gradually become too perilous a resource for the least scrupulous public man to adopt for the increase of his means.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The homeopathists at Boston are sustained in their recent Supreme Court decision, by the proposition of the Trustees of Boston University to establish a homeopathic school of medicine.

Now that so many specialities have their own journals, there is talk of starting a paper in New York devoted to the records of the city murders that occur from day to day.

An immense amount of capital and great numbers of laborers are reported to be pouring into the iron districts of Georgia. Every day new companies are being formed.

Constantinople would seem to be the most cosmopolitan city in the world. It has nineteen daily papers, printed in the Oriental as well as the Western languages. Five are Turkish, five American, three Greek, four French and two English.

The Supreme Court of California decides that the loss should fall on the bank which pays a "raised check."

The attention drawn towards Cyprian antiquities by General Cesnola's now famous collection has caused the Turkish government to take steps to preserve other "treasure troves" of like kind for the Constantinople Museum o. Antiquities.

The lower house of the Maine Legislature has passed a resolution in favor of allowing women to vote; but the main difficulty is to get the Senate to entertain a similar proposition.

There are two young ladies in the Postoffice Department at Washington, who do all the translating, *i. e.*, of four different languages. The work is very severe, and the Postmaster General has asked the Postoffice Committee to increase their salary to $1,600. For the same services performed by men, twice the pay asked would be considered inadequate compensation.

The suggestion for the establishment of a line of steamers to be specially constructed for the purpose of conveying to Europe the superfluous cattle of our Western States is meeting with approval in England.

The tunnel under Mont St. Gothard has advanced four hundred feet into the heart of the mountain, and in the course of a few years the famous mountain pass, which has so long been one of the grandest gateways of the world, will be rendered useless.

Prominent colored persons of Washington are making extensive preparations for an inauguration ball on the 6th of March. They say they are satisfied with the admission of their right to attend the white people's ball of the 4th of March, but, in view of all the circumstances, they think it better to have one of their own.

A Vermont landlord has offered to abandon the sale of liquor if his townsmen will pay him $400 a year, thus assuming part of his loss. The townspeople refuse, and threaten him with prosecution if he continues the traffic.

The rapidity with which fish will multiply is illustrated by the fact that fourteen years ago, fourteen black bass were placed in the Potomac river as an experiment, and to-day that is the best stream in the country for black bass fishing.

A decision just rendered at Boston establishes the accountability of employers for injuries received from defective machinery. A man employed in a marble works in 1870, was seriously injured by the fall of a shaft, owing to imperfect machinery, and has recovered $2,000 damages.

Dr. Freer, of the Rush Medical Institute of Chicago, fed a dog to death the other day and then revived him by injecting a portion of the blood, the fibrin having been entirely removed.

New York proposes to utilize salt water for putting out fires and cleaning streets. The mains are to be kept full by engines stationed at the water-front, and a new kind of hydrant is proposed, one containing five hundred feet of hose in a case, ready for instant use.

The planting season has fairly commenced in some parts of South Carolina. Large quantities of fertilizers have been bought by planters, and the indications are that their use will be increased this year above all precedent.

There is said to be good ground for belief that several leading conservatives are intriguing for the revival of the Hohenzollern candidature for the throne of Spain.

The San Diego *Union* has been shown an oyster shell measuring 22x9 inches, which had been found by Chinamen on the coast of Lower California. Quite a number of other mammoth oysters shells were brought up by the same parties from the same locality.

The people of Albany, New York, are to be called out by the fire alarm, if the ice in the river breaks up at night, that they may all turn out and help the merchants in the vicinity of the docks to save their goods.

The establishment of diet kitchens, from which suitably prepared food may be issued on the requisition of the dispensary physicians, is Charity's last project in New York city.

PERSONAL.

The claim of the heirs of Richard W. Meade and the children of the late General George G. and Commodore R. W. Meade, asking payment of a debt due the said Richard W. Meade by Spain, prior to the treaty of 1819, (which said debt was assumed by the United States, which released the government of Spain from the payment of said debt), amounting to the sum of $373,879 88, is before the Committee on Claims of the House.

Governor Seward, at the invitation of the Massachusetts Legislature, delivered, in 1849, a memorial address in honor of John Quincy Adams, which has been universally acknowledged to be the most eloquent and the most just tribute to that great statesman ever made. Now the son of John Quincy Adams has been invited by the Legislature of New York to deliver a memorial address in honor of Governor Seward, and has accepted the invitation.

The raising of a beard seldom attracts much notice save among the immediate friends of the raiser. Chief Justice Chase's attempt in this line is being commented on by the entire press.

The chief of the Apache Indians is thus described: Cochise is about six feet high; shoulders slightly rounded by age; features quite regular, head large and well proportioned; countenance rather sad; hair long and black. With some gray intermixed; face smooth, the beard pulled out with pincers, as is the custom with Indians.

Mrs. Abraham Lincoln has lately visited Washington, the guest of Senator and Mrs. Harlan, whose daughter married Robert Lincoln.

Joaquin Miller, it is announced, is writing a poem entitled "By the Sun-down Seas," which will be published in London next fall.

Rufus Merry, of Chester, Conn, counts among his living descendants 135 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Still works at his trade at the age of eighty-eight, and has been a strict church member for half a century, not approving of a "short life and a merry one."

There is comfort for the lean kine in an article in *Appleton's Journal*, maintaining that it is not always the most robust and apparently the most healthy men who live the longest:

"Twenty years ago everybody would have given Forrest the change of prolonged life over Macready, his great rival, for Macready was gaunt, feeble, excessively nervous and irritable and a sever student. But Macready lives at the age of eighty, and Forrest died at the early age of sixty-six. When the poet Bryant was thirty-eight his health was feeble. He was a sufferer from dyspepsia, and upon premonitions of an early demise. Who then supposed he would outlive his friend Cooper, a splendid specimen of health and vigor, and that near eighty he would be enjoying a hale and hearty old age, while so many of his compeers—Irving, Paulding, Halleck, Willis, Morris, Cooper, Verplanck—would be sleeping in their graves?"

Charles Bradlaugh, the great English Republican, is coming to this country to lecture next season. He is a large, powerful man, of about forty-five, a cross between Henry Ward Beecher and Robert Collyer, with a ringing voice and a mastery of oratory unknown to any other speaker now living in Great Britain. He is adored by his followers and intensely hated by society and this government. What he knows about Ireland and official life in England will be worth telling.

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Pittsburgh, February 20, 1873.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

SATURDAY EVENING, February 22, 1873.

The general condition of business throughout the country is attracting the attention of all thoughtful men, while there are many causes operating to create a condition of stringency and distrust. We cannot see that they are such as may not, by judicious management, be held within control, and the passed embarrassment be avoided. The situation at large is but the result of the condition of individual men and firms, and it behoves each man to correct and avoid errors, and thus better the condition of business at large. We need a reduction of indebtedness, a curtailment of credits, and prompt settlement of obligations. The few men of large cash resources excepted, it is obvious that a man's ability to pay promptly depends upon the promptness with which he himself is paid, and it should be equally obvious that promptness in him helps the same in others When a debt is admitted to be valid and is due, and the person owing it is able to pay, it is dishonest to cause delay and demand time for unnecessary verification of the account, and by such expedients cling to the money till the last moment. No man owns the funds on hands except the excess over his indebtedness, yet this delay in settling accounts is constantly practised by persons able to pay promptly, but wait because they dislike to part with the money. This slowness of collections is one name for tightness of the money market, and between everybody's paying as late as he can and everybody's paying as late as he can there is a difference wide enough to affect business to its great help or its great hurt. Dollars in rapid motion mean ease in money; dollars lagging on the way mean the contrary. All profits being the gain of exchanges and all business being only exchanges, whatever facilitates exchanges is a help all round, and whatever hinders them is equally an injury all round. Business men who are habitually slow and reluctant to pay their current debts ought in justice and truth, to receive correspondingly low mercantile ratings, no matter what their responsibility is for they do all they can to increase friction in business movements.

—As Petroleum stocks still excite some little interest we give the following quotations made on the New York Petroleum Board:

	Bid.	Asked.
Beneshed Run	25	30
Bergen Cen. & Oil		30
Bilver Oil	5	6
Blood Farm		2 00
Brevort		50
Buchanan Farm	30	50
Central	25	50
Honeoye	75	1 50
New York & Allegheny	1 00	
Northern Light	25	15
Phillips Pet	5	15
Pithole Creek		1 00
Pithole Consol	20	30
Rynd Farm	20	30
Second National		20
United Petroleum Farms	20	25
United States	25	50
Webster	4	15
Manhattan		15

—We quote the following report of the condition of the Western money market:

There are no new features to note in the way of local finances. The banks generally report the loan market close and stringent, notwithstanding the steadily increasing supply of money, the demand having increased to a larger extent than the supply. Therefore, while a large number of applicants are partially supplied a proportionately larger number are refused, and the complaints are numerous. Grain operators continue to be the most numerously represented of any class of borrowers, though provision operators and packers are not slow in coming forward to claim their proportion of aid. There does not appear to be any great amount of currency going into the interior, nor is the general movement inthrest of the city borrowing to any great extent.—*Chicago Post.*

—The application at the banks for discounts are fortunately not large or pressing, as the ability of the banks to take paper is restricted by the short supply of currency, and the market is close at 8@10 per cent. for prime mercantile paper; but there was less shipment of currency to the country to-day, and at the close there were rather less indications of unusual stringency. Outside of bank first-class business paper w.s negotiated at 10 per cent.—paper having two months, to run as well as that bridging over the dull months of January and part of this figure, although there were exceptions; transactions at 12 per cent.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, SATURDAY, February 24, 1873.

REMARKS.—To-day being the 22d of February, and by law declared a legal holiday, all banks and banking houses were closed, as was also many business houses either all or a part of the day. Add to this the fact that the weather was cold and disagreeable, rendering out door business anything but agreeable, and it may readily be imagined that but little business was transacted. Those who have been looking forward to an early spring, from present appearances, seem doomed to disappointment, and it would not surprise us in the least to see the rivers again frozen over ere the advent of gentle spring. Verily, the ground hog was sensible in returning to his sleeping apartment.

With regard to the general tone of the market we have nothing new or interesting to furnish the reader. The flour and grain markets are still in an uncertain condition, with the odds in favor of lower prices. Bacon and provisions, groceries and other leading commodities are unchanged in price, with a moderately active trade reported. The present cold weather and the approach of Lent will have the effect of keeping up the price of eggs for a time. Prime table butter is scarce and in demand. Apples sell slow at previous quotations. There is a fair demand for clover and timothy seeds. Oats and corn are in large supply and the market is a dull one.

The following are the receipts of corn, wheat, barley, rye, oats, flour, apples, cheese, butter and pieces of bacon, since our last report:

Wheat, sacks	1,384	Barley, sacks	910
Rye, sacks	129	Corn, sacks	515
Oats, sacks	1,231	Flour, barrels	1,594
Cheese, boxes	129	Hams, pieces	1,250
Butter, packages	111	Bacon, pieces	1,250

We omit our usual extended quotations.

Nashville Market.

NASHVILLE, February 22.—Cotton dull but unchanged; low middling 17½c. Provisions and corn meal unchanged. Provisions active. Bulk sides 7½c. Hams 9½c. Sugar cured hams 13½c.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, February 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Grain nothing done. Wheat $1 48. Corn quiet at 45c. Oats quiet at 41c. Refined petroleum dull and lower; car lots standard white 16c; small lots 17c; State oil, legal test, 15c.

Indianapolis Market.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady at $1 60@1 80. Corn 48@50c. Oats 39@40c. Provisions firm. Bulk meats—Shoulders 6½c; clear rib sides 6¾c; clear sides 6¾c. Lard 7½c. Hams 12½@13c.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, February 22.—Flour and wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn steady, with a moderate demand; yellow 42c. Oats—Demand good at 35c. Hogs $5 25 @5 50. Clover seed $5 25.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE OIL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, MONDAY, February 24, 1873.

The following are the receipts of crude oil for the past week, with a comparison table with previous years; also, the exports of refined, together with the week's transactions:

	Receipts Crude per Penn. River & H. R.	Exports Crude per A. V. R. R.	Exports Refined per A. V. R. R.
Monday, February 17	4,667	....	1,648
Tuesday, February 18	4,209	....	1,252
Wednesday, February 19	4,375	....	2,420
Thursday, February 20	3,978	....	918
Friday, February 21	5,302	574	1,211
Saturday, February 22	3,615	....	1,130
Total for week	26,090	574	8,645
Since January 1	166,638	7,022	41,567
To February 22, 1873	192,264	7,596	50,212
Same time 1872	148,947	8,925	71,067
Same time 1871	83,950	14,841	57,612
Same time 1870	98,033	10,584	49,021
Same time 1869	90,333	11,259	40,062
Same time 1868	145,733	3,286	38,097

BUSINESS.

The market for the week just closed was decidedly a dull one, particularly during the early part. On Thursday and Friday prices ruled rather stronger but no higher. Holders have evidently made up their minds to make no further concessions. They have about made up their mind to obtain present prices or hold on to their oil. The fact is oil for some time past has been selling at an unusually low figure. Parker's is selling at about the figures that were current last week. The next movement we have will be an upward one, in the meantime the receipts of crude is steadily increasing.

CRUDE RECEIPTS.

The following are the crude receipts from all points by river and rail for the past two weeks:

	Week ending Feb. 15.	Week ending Feb. 22.
Crude received, bbls	23,278	25,990

The following are the receipts of crude oil from all points by river and rail for the past nine years, from January 1, to

	Bbls.	Bbls.
February 22, 1873, bbls		192,264
Same time 1872		148,947
Same time 1871		83,950
Same time 1870		98,033
Same time 1869		90,333
Same time 1868		145,733
Same time 1867		45,835
Same time 1866		4,707

EXPORTS OF REFINED.

The following are the exports of refined oil East for the past two weeks by the Pennsylvania and Allegheny Valley Railroads:

	Last week.	This week.
Pennsylvania Railroad	1,375	574
Allegheny Valley Railroad	10,473	8,845
Total	14,748	9,319

The following are the exports of refined oil East by the Pennsylvania Railroad for the past five years from January 1, to February 22:

	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Penna Railroad	11,229	10,554	14,871	8,925	7,596
A. V. Railroad	40,062	49,021	51,612	71,067	50,212
Total	51,226	59,545	66,483	79,992	57,808

Saturday.

Business generally was suspended, at least so far as the oil trade was concerned there was nothing done. We omit details.

(By Western Union Telegraph Line.)

TITUSVILLE, PA., February 22.—The *Herald* says: The petroleum market is unchanged and firm at yesterday's quotations. The home refined market was nominally 19c in bulk and 16c in bbls. Sales:

100 bbls upper creek, O. P	$2 25
100 bbls upper creek, T. P	2 12½
100 bbls upper creek, T. P	2 02½
1,000 bbls Hill farm	2 02½
300 bbls Oil City, spot	2 02½
200 bbls Parker's, spot	2 20
500 bbls Parker's, spot	2 17½
1,000 bbls Tuttle, sp	2 15
300 bbls Tuttle, sp	2 12½

By Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Lines.)

In consequence of the day being observed as a holiday, we have no dispatches by this line.

Shipments of Refined Oil East via. A. V. R. R.

Receipts of Conl per A. V. R. R.

WEST PENN JUNCTION, February 21, 1873.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Central Refining Co.	J. P. Logan, Phila	669
Central Refg Co.	A. Collins, N. Y.	600
Lockhart, P. & Co.	Warden, P. & Co., Phila	587
Wormser, M. & Co.	Waring, K. & Co., Phila	200
Citizens' Oil Co.	J. H. McKee, New York	300
Citizens Oil Works	Ferguson & Wood	60
C. C. Beggs	J. R. Bartlett & Co., N. Y.	61
Total		1,847

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shippers.	Consignee.	Bbls.
O. J. Greer	Riverside O. W.	80
Wm. Stewart	Star Oil Works	162
Wm. Stewart	Sinnett Oil Works	80
S. S. Duncan	Hutchinson Oil Works	163
S. W. Stevenson	Penn Oil Co.	80
O. J. Greer	Bell's Yard	74
N. W. Stevenson	Anchor Oil Works	388
O. J. Greer	Cochran & Irvin	164
Parker, T. & Co	Excelsior Oil Works	80
J. Rushwell	Crystal Oil Works	394
N. W. Stevenson	Commercial Oil Wks	525
J. P. Wood	American Oil Wks	466
N. W. Stevenson	Peerless Oil Works	465
O. J. Greer	Citizens' Oil Co	1,205

Crude Oil Received by Rail and River.

Shippers.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Riverside Oil Wks	80	Star Oil Works	162
Sunbeam Oil Wks	80	Hutchinson O. W.	163
Liberty Oil Works	80	Anchor Oil Works	388
Bell's Yard	74	Cochran's Yard	394
Excelsior Oil Wks	80	Crystal W.	394
Commercial O. W.	525	American O. Wks	466
Peerless Oil W.	465	Citizens' Oil Works	1,205

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, SATURDAY, February 24, 1873.

Cattle.

The receipts of cattle to-day have been light. There is nothing doing in the yards, and prices are nominal. Most of the buyers have gone East, and from appearances there will be no trade until next Tuesday. The market toward the close was worse than at the opening. On Wednesday trade ruled moderately active, but on Thursday opened draggy and closed dull, with prices a shade lower. Since then there has been no life in the business, and one would hear a fear expressed of the unsatisfactory condition. Following are the rates current:

PRICES.

EXTRA, 1,500 lbs steers, $5@5 10; prime 1,400 lbs steers, $5 75 to $6 87; prime 1,300 lbs steers, $6 25@6 60; prime 1,200 lbs steers, $5 50@5 75; fair 1,100 lbs steers, $5@5 25; fair 1,000 lbs steers, $4 25@4 75; yokes, $2 50@4 00.

Hogs.

The receipts of hogs continue light. The market is active, with a demand fully up to the supply. The most in query is for prime Philadelphia hogs, which sell readily for $5 50 to $5 75. The trade for York hogs is not so good, and the market for this grade is quiet, though firm. Following are the rates current:

PRICES.

Extra Philadelphia $5 75; prime do $5 50@5 75; prime Yorkers $5 20 to $5 30; fair do $4 80 to $5 10.

IRON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

February 22.—In Scotch pig trade continues quiet; a few lots have changed hands, mostly to be held for higher prices; market firm and the tendency still upward, yet there is no disposition on the part of consumers to buy beyond immediate wants, as for some time past. The sales are 900 tons, chiefly in lots, part at $56; 400 do Glengarnock, $57; and 400 do from dock at full prices. American pig is firm at unchanged quotations. In the absence of manufacturers, held Wednesday last, no action was taken as regards advancing the price of No. 1 at $55, as was contemplated. We hear of no transactions in this market. Bar—Sales are quiet at old and nominal at $70@71, gold, and American $80 currency, without sales. Old English are firm at $59 @60 for No. 1, and $57@58 for No. 2. Old 30 inch street rails sold on private terms. Scrap is in fair demand, $37 50 is the asking price from parties; sales of 900 to 1,000 tons wrought have been made at a shade under our quotations, and 400 do from dock, on private terms. Refined bar continues in fair demand and firm at previous quotations, though deliveries cannot be made on account of the wretched state of the streets. Russia sheet is held at 16½c gold for No. 13, and 17c for assortment; there is no number 9 here. Galvanized sheet will probably be advanced to 10 per cent. discount—now 15.—*Shipping List.*

PHILADELPHIA.

February 22.—The tone of the market for pig iron is a trifle firmer, but sales are not operating to any extent. Some 2,000 tons have been disposed of, at $50 for No. 1 foundry, and $48@49 for No. 2 do. We quote nominally as follows: No. 1 foundry, $50@51; No. 2 do, $48@49; No. 1 forge at $46, both at the furnace.

Manufactured Iron.—Bar is steady at 4 2-10c @ ⅞. There are but few old rails here, and but few on the way. We quote at $56@60. New rails are selling in a small way at $68@70. Spikes are in large supply; scrap commands $36@55, and No. 1 cast $39@40.

Scotch Pig.—The market is firm, and buyers only purchase to supply immediate wants. Small sales of Glengarnock, from second hands, at $50 50, and Gartsherrie at $54.

Old metals are steady. We quote:

Brass, light	16 @17 c
Brass, heavy	20 @21 c
Copper, light	24 @24½c
Copper, bottoms	25 @26 c
Lead	6½@6 c

Nails have been advanced to $5 25 @ keg, with a light movement.

Anchors and chains are quiet. Sales of the former at 8½c, and the latter, ¾ inch, at $5 50—a decline.—*Prov. Commr.*

WOOL MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

February 22.—There has been a better demand, and there is an improved feeling generally among dealers. The few manufacturers that are in the city are purchasing quite freely as the present required value. Holders are of the opinion that prices are touch a point, and that the question of receipts will be a thing of the past. The receipts of domestic continue fair, and are mostly of a good quality. The quantity of foreign afloat is estimated at a very low figure. The stock here is considered sufficient for all present demands, and is well assorted; the sales foot up 7,500 lbs. Cape at 26 cents; 50 bales do, 33@49; 15 do, spring California, 56½; 5c do, fall do 39@56c; 5,000 lbs scoured do 80@90c; 20 bales Oregon 47@49c; 10 000 lbs XX Pennsylvania 64c; 10,000 lbs assorted delaine, Ohio and Pennsylvania, 55@64; unwashed do 45c; 5,000 lbs do combing 62½c; 5,000 lbs X Statis and No 1, 58c; 2,000 lbs mixed 38c; 53 bales do, 40@50c; 10,000 lbs pulled, 50@56c; 10,000 lbs Texas, 15,000 lbs spring California to 60@ 62½c; 5,000 lbs Ecuador, 3,000 lbs scoured do, 55@62; Michigan, and 400 bales Montevideo (cold previously), on private terms. By auction, 216 bales Syrian sold at 32c@ 40 cents; 60 do Smyrna, 29@30c; 30 bales do 40@43½c; cash and 4 months.—*Shipping List.*

PHILADELPHIA.

February 22.—There are few buyers and there is very little movement. Small sales are reported. The quotations are as follows: Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia XX at 61@66c; X at 58@60c; medium (⅞ to ¾ blood), fine delaine, 60c; common 60c; Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and other Western States, fine (X to XX), 60@65c; medium, 61@65c; coarse, 60c; Canada (¾ blood), choice, 62@63c; fair to inferior, 60@61c; fine unwashed, 61@63c; medium unwashed, 58@60c; coarse and heavy unwashed, 49@51c; combing unwashed, 57@60c. Washed combing, 75@80c; Philadelphia No 1 and super pulled, 56@59c; Philadelphia merino pulled, 52@55c; Western super pulled 52@55c; western merino pulled, 48@50c.—*North American.*

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, February 22.—Cotton dull but unchanged at 20c. Flour quiet and steady at $5 50@6. Wheat dull at $1 70@1 75. Corn dull and prices declined to 35@36c. Oats dull and nominal at 30@35c. Barley quiet and unchanged. Grass seed firm. Linseed oil firm at 93@95c. Eggs firm at 26c. Provisions strong. Mess pork nominal at $13. Lard quiet; steam 7½c; kettle 8c. Bulk meats stronger; shoulders 5c; clear ribs sides 6¾@7c. Bacon firmer; shoulders 5½c; clear rib sides 7¾@7½c; clear sides 7¾@7½c. Hogs firm; shippers $4 65@4 80; butchers $5 00@5 25; receipts 815 head. Whisky firm at 87c.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, February 22.—Cotton dull but unchanged. Wheat quiet and weak; No 2 spring $1 26 at $1 28. Corn dull and prices nominal; No 2 mixed 31c. Oats dull; No 2, 26½@27c. Barley and rye little doing. Whisky lower at 89@90c. Mess pork firm at $13 75 cash. Dry salt meats active; shoulders 4½c; clear sides 6¾c. Bacon firmer; shoulders 5½@5¾c; clear sides 7¾c; clear sides 7¾@8c. Lard firm at 7½c. Hogs firm at $4 25@4 85; mostly at $4 60@4 70. Cattle active and firm; common to choice Texan $3 00@4 50; fair to choice steers $4 50@ 6 00.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, February 22.—Cotton quiet and unchanged; good ordinary 17¾@17½c; low middling 18¾c; receipts 1,825 bales; shipments 935 bales; stock 29,400 bales. Flour dull and prices nominal. Corn meal scarce at $2 20. Oats quiet at 50c. Hay steady at $20. Bran firmer at $12. Bulk meats—Demand good at full prices; shoulders 5½c; clear rib sides 7½c; clear sides 7¾c. Lard quiet and unchanged in every respect.

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OCEAN STEAMERS.

Date of Departure from New York.

1873.

Caledonia	February 26	Liverpool.
Arragon	February 26	Bristol.
Wyoming	February 26	Liverpool.
	MARCH.	
Atlantic	March 1	Liverpool.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Wheeling, W. Va.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, W. Va., February 23, 1873.

River sixteen feet and falling. Departed for Pittsburgh—Julia, at 9 A. M. Cloudy and freezing. M.

Drowning of Capt. Anawalt, of the Steamer Davage.

LOUISVILLE, February 22.—While the Davage was attempting to land at Pekinpaugus, sixty-five miles below this city, Thursday night, during the heavy gale, her Captain, John W. Anawalt, fell overboard and was drowned. All efforts of the crew to recover the body were unavailing. The boat was blown under the trees, and it is supposed Capt. Anawalt was knocked off by a limb.

For Latest River Dispatches see Fourth Page

RIVER NEWS.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived.

E. Bennett	Carmack	Lock No. 3.
Elizabeth	Houghton	Elizabeth.
Julia No. 2	Staib	Zanesville.
Carrie Brooks	Darlington	Wheeling.
	Departed.	
E. Bennett	Carmack	Lock No. 3.
Elizabeth	Houghton	Elizabeth.

MONONGAHELA—Nine feet four inches and falling.

Boats Departing This Day.

Lock No. 3	Mail boat	2 P. M.
Wheeling	Carrie Brooks	Darlington, 2 P. M.

THE marks last evening indicated nine feet four inches and falling. The weather was intensely cold and freezing hard. The Allegheny was running full of heavy ice, making navigation dangerous.

THE mail packet E. Bennett, Capt. Carmack, takes her departure at 2 P. M.

THE St. Louis *Democrat* thinks the Lady Lee cleared 60,000 on her last trip to Shreveport.

THE steamer Oil City No. 2 was raised yesterday She will be placed in the docks for repairs at once.

THE steamer Julia, Capt. C. L. Brennan, was announced to leave Cincinnati for this port on Saturday.

THE packet Bill, Captain M. A. Cox, is fast filling up for Nashville, and will have dispatch. Hurry down the freight.

THE Mountaineer is on her way down the Missouri from DeWitt, where she wintered. She is the first boat down this season.

THE Ironton *Journal* says the towboat Petrel is now lying at Cerredo, tighted up, and contrary to former report, has her boilers aboard all right.

THE mammoth steamer Mollie Moore, Captain Arnold, has on hand and will receive over 1,000 tons of freight, which time she will take her departure for St. Louis.

THE new steamer Pembroke, of the Cardiff and New York line, was launched at Sunderland, Scotland, 5th inst., and is expected to leave Cardiff on the 25th inst.

THE *Cincinnati Enquirer* says: The Jno. Porter, Capt. Jno. Porter, commander, arrived in this city last week, direct from New Orleans, and is busily engaged preparing for the arrival of the Great World's Fair, which is to be floated making its usual Southern tour during the past winter, exhibiting to an average of ten thousand persons daily. Mr. Robinson is purchasing and arranging a fleet of suitable steamers for the purpose of visiting all the large cities and towns on the Ohio river, which would, for so large an establishment as his, be impracticable by any other mode of conveyance in that section of the country. We anticipate shortly to send him one of our lightning presses to Pittsburgh to Cairo, and the river tourists will in a great degree imagine themselves gazing on the picturesque rocks of Lake Superior. The Enterprise will please all residents along the river, as a grand carnival day is promised wherever Robinson's Great World's Exposition hails.

CINCINNATI.—Judge Tilden, of the Superior Court of this city, has before him in progress an interesting case arising from an alleged violation of a contract, in which Captain John A. Williamson and others, owners of the 15th Ward Ferry, are plaintiffs, and Hespia B. Mudge is defendant. The plaintiffs claim to recover $1,000 upon a contract to carry seventy-five to one hundred tons of furniture to New Orleans in October, 1870, for the defendant. The plaintiffs represent that the boat on which the furniture was to be carried, the Edinburgh, was lying idle at the time, but contend that the defendant was induced to make the trip, first being compelled to fit the boat for it; that the boat left with only about 1,000 pounds, the defendant failing to get a freight amount; and that, had the seventy-five tons been sent according to agreement, they would have received $1,200, whereas they received only $25. They ask payment for the difference. The defendant denies the agreement, and claims that the only intended to forward such furniture as she had ready at the time the boat was to leave.

A MINIATURE STEAMBOAT has just been built in England for navigating the shallow streams of the interior of Brazil. It is built of steel, is fifteen feet long by eighteen feet deep, and draws only twelve inches of water. The iron plates are one-eighth of an inch by thirteen, and she is propelled by patent feathering floats. The boilers, though nominally of twenty-five horse power, are capable of raising up to sixty. The bottom of the boat is perfectly flat. She was constructed at a cost of $11,250, gold. Steamboats as large as this ought to be of great use upon the extensive but shallow rivers which traverse the United States in all directions, but which are now almost useless for purposes of navigation and transportation. There are at least a thousand miles of water-ways in the State of Pennsylvania alone, on the Susquehanna, Allegheny, the Upper Delaware, &c., and their affluents, which a steamboat of twelve-inch draught could be made to traverse at all seasons, if some slight improvements were made in the river beds themselves. For the Western rivers, beyond the Missouri, and clear to the base of the Rocky Mountains, such boats could be used. There is no occasion, however, to construct them of steel.

History of a Steamship.

The government steamship Vanderbilt was put up at auction at San Francisco, and sold for the small but highest bid offered for her $56,000, being deemed entirely inadequate, the vessel was withdrawn. It will be remembered that Commodore Vanderbilt built a pleasure yacht, in which, with his family, he crossed the Atlantic, sailed up on the Seine to the vicinity of the Hellespont, and on the North to the Baltic. On returning home, he loaned the famous yacht, known as the North Star, with the old Ariel and several other steamers, in a trans-Atlantic line, at that time Collins was building the Adriatic to beat the ships of the Cunard line. The Quintders not being the builders he is to excel in speed the Adriatic, and Vanderbilt laid the keel of his Vanderbilt to outstrip everything. He succeeded, but the ship never paid expenses, because of the cost of running her immense machinery. The steamer was afterward presented to the government, Uncle Sam being in want of a strong, swift craft to chase the pirate Alabama, and the Vanderbilt was used, among other vessels, for that purpose. In the course of time the Vanderbilt found her way around Cape Horn and to San Francisco, where she remained idle at the Navy Yard at Mare Island up to the time the attempt was made to sell her, as mentioned above.

More Coal Departures.

The following list will wind up the coal departures until we have milder weather, and less ice. The Allegheny yesterday was full of ice. The coal men for the past week have had their own troubles beside heavy losses too numerous to mention.

FOR CINCINNATI.

Towboats.	Coal B.	Barges, &c.	Bush.
Resolute	2	5	95,000
Rosolute		2 c. & f. b.	11,000
Hornet No. 2		5	60,000
Tom Lysle		3 & f. b.	100,000
Total	2	20	266,000

FOR LOUISVILLE.

Towboats	Coal B.	Barges, &c.	Bush.
Hercules	6	9	70,000
Sampson No. 2	6	9 f. b.	140,000
Reindeer	8	7	92,000
John Hanna	7	4	140,000
Samuel Miller	6	3 f. b.	150,000
Blue Lodge	4	1 f. b.	160,000
Keystone	2	2	87,000
Tiger	4	1 f. b.	100,000
Neille Speer	3	3	125,000
Hornet No. 2		6 f. b.	50,000
Ben Wood	6	2 f. b.	115,000
Panther	4		150,000
Total	36	53	1,331,000

IMPORTS BY RAIL AND RIVER.

West Penn Railroad.

J. Ballenfeider, 30 sks potatoes; Jos. Mohler, 1 bbl beef; 1 bx cheese; Leinemaker & Co, 8 bbls of oil; Hallock & Co, 1 bbl glass; Hallman & Son, 10 bx pipes; D Cheese, 2 qrs Kirkpatrick & co, 37 bgs seed; James Orr, 2 bbls lard oil; Keller, S & Co, 1 do do; Leppo & Hay, 2 do do; H W Smith, 1 bbl do do; Hallman & Son, 1 bbl do do; H W Smith, 1 bbl bids, 11 c kegs; Spencer & Mck, 25 c oil bbls; G Mellon, lot hdwe; W H Mellon & Son, 1 bbl glass; D Lapier, 5 bbls apples; Jos Kee ine, 16 do do; W H Sp aling, 1 bx eggs; H Kreig, 1 bx do; Wm Gaily, 1 bx do; 2 cars white lime; Thompson & Ly, 12 bales rags; Bennett & Hall, 1 box mdse; W H Mellon & Son, 1 bbl glass; Hy Hasbrook, 3 bbls flour; J R Mellon, 1 bbl do; D Negerbeck, 1 box mdse; Jas Carr, 1 box do; Jas Gay, 1 box do; Jno Cummings, 1 bbl mdse; J O Neely, 1 box mdse; S Mc Cullough, 2 bbls glass; Hallman & Son, 1 bbl do; H Mason, 1 do mdse; Hoffman & Co, 1 bbl do; Mitchell & Co, 1 box do; Zimmerman & Co, 1 do do; Hamilton L. A. & Co, 1 box mdse; J W Gordon, 1 car cable; Boggs & Buhl, 1 car rails; J Hart, 1 car corn; Lowrie, R. D & Co, 1 bale d goods, 4 bbls crackers; Lowrie, R. D & Co, 1 bale d goods; Wagner, B & Co, 13 kgs d hearing; Grassell & D, 2 rolls carpet; J Prescott & Son, 14 pkgs hosiery; J Lockhart, 5 bbls wool; Boggs & R, 10 do do; J J King & Co, 2 brs tea; Zimpoitt & N, 2 bbls shovels, 10 bx ware; O F Lemon, 1 box mdse; Jas Marr, 2 do shoes; Stevenson & C, 5 do b ware; Keller & co, 46 bdls g nders; L McIntosh, 1 box mdse; H Wagner, 1 do shoes; G Beavan, 1 do preserve; Elliott & L, 1 case dry goods; Russell & K, 1 box shoes; Bilin r & S, 2 boxes hardware; Gordon & M, 1 box d goods; Dunlap & S, 7 rolls carpet; McCracken & S, 5 do do; O Stein, 1 bale dry goods; Hallman & L, 2 cs do; M T Haskett, 1 bx d goods; M J Arnold 1 do mdse; L S White & co, 1 do drugs; H Lang b m, 1 c mdse; H P Schwartz, 4 bdls g oods; Boggs & B, 1 box d goods; W H McClintock, 2 bales oil cloth, 6 bdls p per, 1 rail do, 3 bxs mdse, 1 do do; Krumpla & Heim, 3 lounges; West & Vorely, 1 keg tar.

Allegheny Valley Railroad.

C Howard & Son, 27 cars stone; Isabella Furnace Co, 2 cars limestone; W H Martin, 1 car posts; G W Hollatzt, 1 car shingles; T P Henderson, 1 car pine; A U & R, 1 car lumber, 1 do sawdust; P B Laughlin, 1 cart, 1 wheelbarrow; J Lowry, 1 bbl seed; Head, Cheney & co, 1 bbl eggs, 1 do d peaches, 1 do d apples; A K Mcilure, 1 car flour; Stahl, Zacharias & Co, 2 cars junk; Hallman & Son, 1 do do; Wahlin, lot h goods; Wm Fiscus & Son, 2 bales leather; Jas Mallery & co, 4 sacks paring; J L Hollan, 1 car hair; G Kaon, 25 bdls g nddes; J A Crawford, 1 bagg; Gerwig & Neely, 5 bdls sp il bossing; J Brown, 1 box mdse; Hubbard, L & co, 1 c saw; J H Lippincott, 150 bas canned fruit; Union H K & T Co, 30 axles.

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago R. R.

Harris & Ewing, 3 bbls alcohol; D Wallace, 100 bbls flour, 40 sks do; H T Jenkins, 400 sks flour, 100 bbls do, 10 bxs tobacco; F W Jenkins & Bro, 200 bbls flour, 800 sks do, 10 kegs, 50 bales hay; Lewis, G & Co, 1 bbl pipes, 20 bdls c o; W P Townsend, 20 pkgs rivets; Frazer & M, 28 pkgs machinery; Schoonmaker & Co, 40 cases lard, 100 bbls flour; Dilworth Bro's, 100 pails lard, 25 cases do, 10 tcs do; Walker, Cooper & co, 200 pails do; Jas H Parker, 150 do do, Jno Outtibert, 1 car fire clay; H Riddle & son, 3 kgs butter; Robt Davis, 1 bbl do; Hogue, H, 10 bbls apples; Lach & Cooley, 34 bbls apples; A M Kostrick, 10 bas tobacco, 20 bags c eanut, 100 bbls flour; G Rotert, 3 bbls liquor; Wm Mossinger, 50 bbls flour, 200 sks do; narbaugh M & O, 1 car oil nuts; O H Alfrich, 1 car lime; A D H McCaffray, do do; W A Wadlow, 1 car lime; Vogt, Mahard & co, 1 car hay; Graff, B & Co, 1 car sand, W Welsh & Co, 50 bales hay; Sims & Nicb, 1 car coal; W Fl ming & Son, 20 bbls flour, 2 sks do; H Smith, 1 car hee ing; Woltmer & co, 63 tcs lard; Schoen, Hoffman & Co, 1 Gallery & Co, 325 pig bbls; T Reed & Co, 1 car bar; J T r ner, 190 sk s oats; Jos as Richardson, 1 car hay; Mccrea & co, 10 sl bs spelter; Hitchcock, McC & Co, 6 bls hay; H Conrad, 1 car saddlings; J Brown, 1 do hay; R S Mason, 30 bbls flour; Wolf & Co, 1 car hay, 4 s & 25 pigs to apply on bond; Watt, L & Co, 100 bbls oil mc.

ALLEGHENY STATION.—J C Davidson, 1 car shingles; I N Dryden, 5 roller chairs, 2 He bert, 25 bbls a pples, 2 bbls potatoes; Mrs Mc Cleary, 1 bbl do; Mrs Shaw, 1 do do; Mrs Cearh, 1 bbl do; Mrs Cassidy, A Cornelsenge, 3 doz hams; Hunt-man & O, 1 lot furniture; G Geise, 1 cask ware; G H Mc lod

THE VERY LATEST.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Effect of the Abdication of Amadeus—His Unpopularity.

Herald Special.]

LONDON, February 24.—In the considerations that have followed the possible declaration of Amadeus to abdicate the possible declaration of a Spanish republic was never for a moment contemplated. It was a complete surprise, a veritable *coup d'etat*. Amadeus would not have abdicated while one friend remained. Of his act possible, had he known the consequences, and the two Latin nations, France and Spain, having each a republican government, would have an enormous influence on the third Latin nation, thus directly endangering his father's throne. Amadeus abdicated in expectation that he would be recalled by the army, whose idol he has taken pains to court. For this he remained in Portugal. The military officers are all monarchists and all monarchy the throne rather than act with the Cortes, which he detested. He left Madrid that the army might prepare the way for his return in his favor and he would receive the crown unanimously. He feared that if he remained in his palace he would be completely constitutional trammels, but he was completely disappointed by the turn of events. Apparently it was the suspicion of the Cortes, not Republicans, many members of the Cortes, not Republicans, to vote with the Republicans against Amadeus, however, to reach the throne of Amadeus, however, resolved not to have relinquished his hope for recall. Cortes is a source of uneasiness at the Spanish embassy here. The embassy now regrets his false step in France, and is sorry he did not re-establish a republic or some other monarch and accept the payment of a slight indemnity rather than let things go in their course. He thinks the abdication was in consequence of the French republic and is uncertain whether the Orleanists will back him or not.

Excitement in Madrid—Carlists Active—Hostility to Minister Sickles.

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MADRID, February 22.—The excitement is increasing, particularly among the workingmen. There is an apprehension of barricades appearing, and the Red Republicans are urging extreme measures. The Carlists, in their operations and intrigues, are the most active, and display the greatest boldness. Washington's birthday reception by the American minister became a demonstration against Sickles. The reception-became a demonstration against Sickles. The reception-rooms are extravagant in their expressions of hostility to the American Minister, whom they regard as hostile to the American Minister, whom they regard as hostile to the American Minister, whom they regard as hostile